Re-authorization of the Abandoned Mine Land Fund: What Does the Future Hold?

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Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, P.L. 95-87

Title IV – Abandoned Mine Program (AML)

**Office of Surface Mining (OSM)
Funding and Oversight**

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26 State Programs
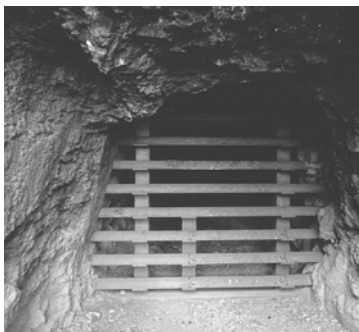
3 Native American Tribal Programs

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$1.8 Billion Spent on Public Safety and Environmental Hazards

30,000 Open Mines Sealed

27,000 Acres of Mine-Scarred Land Returned to Productivity

29,000 Acid Mine Drainage and Water Projects Implemented

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$3 Billion in High Priority Problems Remain

$15 - 30 Billion to Reclaim All Remaining Problems

Including Acid Mine Drainage

Re-authorization Timeline

- August 1977 – September 1992

  Life of AML Under the Act

- September 1992 – September 2004

Re-authorized for 12 Years as Part of the Energy Policy Act

Re-authorization Timeline (cont')

• September 27, 2004 – November 20, 2004
  Extended by Continuing Resolution

• December 2004 – June 2005
Extended by Omnibus Appropriation bill

• September 2005 – June 2006
Extended by Interior and Environment spending bill

So……Today is…..

Important Re-authorization Issues
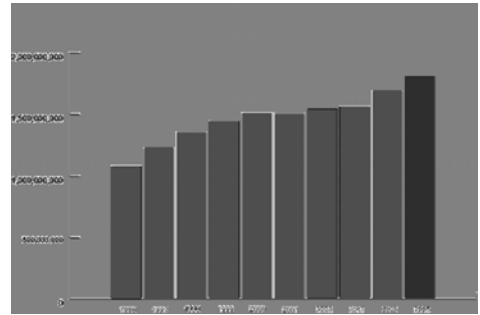
Historic Coal Production / Current Coal Production

Inventory of Problems

Combined Benefits Fund

AML Trust Fund

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Examples of Re-authorization Efforts

NAAMLP / IMCC

Western Governors Association

National Governors Association

Administration (OSM) Bill – Sen. Specter, PA

H.R. 3778 – Rep. Peterson, PA

H.R. 3796 – Rep. Cubin, WY - Rep. Rahall, WV

S.2086 – Sen. Thomas, WY – Sen. Enzi, WY

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Why Re-authorization is Critical

1.2 Million People Live within ½ Mile of P1's & P2's

$3 Billion Infused into Mining-Impacted Communities

Each $1 Spent on Reclamation Returns $1.23 to Nation's Economy (USFS 1992 IMPLAN)

Each $1 Million in Construction Created 48.7 Jobs (USFS 1992 IMPLAN)

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